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Colorado Trends

The State's economy showed some signs of life in May after a weak performance the first four months of the year. Expanding employment coupled with decreased joblessness dropped the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 6.2 percent. April's rate was 6.6 percent, while one year ago 6.3 percent of the labor force were without work.

The gain in employment was particularly encouraging as overall job growth has been scarce the last few months. In fact, the current monthly increase was only the fourth registered since last summer.

The number of workers in Colorado reached 1,548,200 in May, 21,200 more than in April. The year-ago level was still higher at 1,590,000. Weakness has been most apparent in the Denver-Boulder Area where 80 percent of the over-the-year loss has occurred.

Unemployed persons totaled 101,600 in May, 6,600 below the estimate for the prior month and nearly 6,000 lower than one year ago.

More favorable labor force conditions were evident in most areas of the State during May as outdoor work and other business activity provided seasonal job opportunities. Lower unemployment rates were recorded in 50 of Colorado's 63 counties on an unadjusted basis. Seven counties had jobless rates above 10 percent while 8 areas were below 4 percent. Counties with high unemployment were located in southern Colorado and the ski areas; lower rates were scattered, but tended to be on the eastern plains.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's unemployment rate fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.2 percent in May. The number of jobless, at 6.4 million, declined by 151,000. Total civilian employment rose 102,000 to reach a record 117.2 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado rose in May, climbing 3,200 to 1,441,900. The change was above the normal increase for the April-May period. Only one of the eight nonfarm industry sectors posted a loss over the month while six advanced and one was unchanged. Last year at this time total wage and salary jobs in Colorado numbered 1,419,500.

Leading the advancing sectors for the second month in a row was contract construction (up 2,700). The gain was slightly above normal for the period and was spread out among its three subsectors. General building added 400 workers, heavy construction was again strong climbing by 1,000 and special trade contractors increased by 1,300. Over the near-term, new projects like the Correctional Facility being built just south of Limon will keep the industry plodding forward. Groundbreaking on the $38.2 million, 500-bed, medium-security prison took place on June 19. When completed, the facility will employ nearly 280 people and will have an annual payroll of over $6 million.

Manufacturing managed to gain 1,200 jobs during May, the second biggest increase behind construction. Machinery, except electrical accounted for 400 of the new jobs.

Government was higher by 1,000 in May, about as seasonally expected. Smaller gains were noted in trade (up 800), finance, insurance and real estate (up 200), and transportation and public utilities (up 100). Mining at 20,100 was unchanged over the month.

Services employment fell 2,800 to 358,400 in May. The loss, however, was well below the normal drop experienced in the April-May period indicating underlying strength. The closing of most major Colorado ski resorts led to the decline in jobs. The State racked up another successful ski season with skier visits, as reported by Colorado Ski Country USA, up 4 percent for the 1988-89 season, totaling just under 10 million.

In other industry developments, a telemarketing subsidiary of American Express Co. will open a service center in Pueblo that will employ 400 people in October and as many as 650 by mid-1990. The WATS service center will provide English and Spanish language telemarketing operator services and computer-based information processing.

An increase in employment coupled with a decline in the number of jobless residents pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER MSA down three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent. The local rate has changed little in the past twelve months; one year ago it was 5.8 percent.

The estimated number of jobholders in the Metro Area advanced for the first time this year, up 8,900 over-the-month to 798,900. However, this remains well below the year ago level of 829,200. Unemployment retreated by 2,200 and now stands at 48,300, 2,500 less than the 50,800 of last May.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 5,900 in May to 807,000, almost exactly in line with the expected April-May movement. The nonfarm job series has shown little strength over the year, adding 1,500 jobs or only 0.2 percent. Apart from mining, which remained unchanged, all industry sectors showed job growth. The largest gains were found in services (up 2,500), construction (up 1,300) and trade (up 1,000).

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Arapahoe County labor force data for Annual Average 1987 has been changed. The change is shown in the table provided on page 4. Please make a note of it.

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Skiers hit the slopes in record numbers this past season with Colorado areas reporting a gain of 4 percent in lift ticket sales.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1987 - December 1987

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5957	5404	553	9.3
Archuleta	2565	2349	216	8.4
Baca	2177	2082	95	4.4
Bent	2271	2131	140	6.2
Chaffee	6883	6087	796	11.6
Cheyenne	977	934	43	4.4
Clear Creek	2865	2542	323	11.3
Co. Springs MSA	188407	173099	15308	8.1
Conejos	2684	2204	480	17.9
Costilla	1058	849	209	19.8
Crowley	1292	1196	96	7.4
Custer	835	761	74	8.9
Delta	8414	7375	1039	12.3
Den-Bldr CMSA	1009454	939053	70401	7.0
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	127738	120473	7265	5.7
-Denver MSA	881716	818580	63136	7.2
---Adams	149556	136122	13434	9.0
---Arapahoe	209575	197245	12330	5.9
---Denver	267510	246106	21404	8.0
---Douglas	21475	20350	1125	5.2
---Jefferson	233600	218758	14842	6.4
Dolores	1007	936	71	7.1
Eagle	11757	10996	761	6.5
Elbert	4138	3736	402	9.7
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92688	86543	6145	6.6
Fremont	12150	10742	1408	11.6
Garfield	14804	13537	1267	8.6
Gilpin	1628	1497	131	8.0
Grand	5003	4698	305	6.1
Greeley MSA	66263	60810	5453	8.2
Gunnison	5277	4876	401	7.6
Hinsdale	491	461	30	6.1
Huerfano	2488	2096	392	15.8
Jackson	1021	965	56	5.5
Kiowa	1008	957	51	5.1
Kit Carson	4015	3828	187	4.7
Lake	1695	1334	361	21.3
La Plata	15601	14189	1412	9.1
Las Animas	4795	4197	598	12.5
Lincoln	2169	2069	100	4.6
Logan	9373	8660	713	7.6
Mesa	39879	35556	4323	10.8
Mineral	277	233	44	15.9
Moffat	5389	4744	645	12.0
Montezuma	9543	8331	1212	12.7
Montrose	11869	10636	1233	10.4
Morgan	9804	8885	919	9.4
Otero	8709	7714	995	11.4
Ouray	1723	1612	111	6.4
Park	3278	2976	302	9.2
Phillips	2104	2021	83	3.9
Pitkin	8308	7804	504	6.1
Prowers	6618	6163	455	6.9
Pueblo MSA	49682	44342	5340	10.7
Rio Blanco	2779	2542	237	8.5
Rio Grande	5579	4783	796	14.3
Routt	7751	7022	729	9.4
Saguache	1777	1477	300	16.9
San Juan	758	670	88	11.6
San Miguel	2466	2238	228	9.2
Sedgwick	1458	1373	85	5.8
Summit	8003	7577	426	5.3
Teller	5908	5352	556	9.4
Washington	2553	2370	183	7.2
Yuma	4577	4388	189	4.1
COLORADO	1694000	1564000	130000	7.7

All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAY 1989	APR 1989	FEB 1989	MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1649.8	1635.2	1691.4	1697.5	14.6	-41.6	-47.7
Unemployment	101.6	108.2	109.6	107.5	-6.6	-8.0	-5.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.6	6.5	6.3	---	---	---
Employment	1548.2	1527.0	1581.8	1590.0	21.2	-33.6	-41.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1439.6	1437.3	1439.8	1417.2	2.3	-0.2	22.4
Mining	20.3	20.2	19.7	20.7	0.1	0.6	-0.4
Contract Construction	57.1	56.8	55.9	59.6	0.3	1.2	-2.5
Manufacturing	191.2	191.0	191.9	188.7	0.2	-0.7	2.5
Durable Goods	119.7	119.3	120.2	117.7	0.4	-0.5	2.0
Nondurable Goods	71.5	71.7	71.7	71.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	90.7	90.5	90.9	91.4	0.2	-0.2	-0.7
Trade	354.6	355.0	355.9	346.6	-0.4	-1.3	8.0
Wholesale	77.4	77.6	78.0	76.7	-0.2	-0.6	0.7
Retail	277.2	277.4	277.9	269.9	-0.2	-0.7	7.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	93.9	93.4	94.3	95.4	0.5	-0.4	-1.5
Services	360.2	359.0	360.1	349.9	1.2	0.1	10.3
Government	271.6	271.4	271.1	264.9	0.2	0.5	6.7
Federal	56.2	56.0	56.2	55.0	0.2	0.0	1.2
State	64.7	65.0	65.5	62.4	-0.3	-0.8	2.3
Local	150.7	150.4	149.4	147.5	0.3	1.3	3.2
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	847.2	840.5	873.3	880.0	6.7	-26.1	-32.8
Unemployment	48.3	50.5	52.2	50.8	-2.2	-3.9	-2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.0	6.0	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	798.9	790.0	821.1	829.2	8.9	-22.2	-30.3
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	802.2	801.7	803.7	800.7	0.5	-1.5	1.5
Mining	11.9	11.8	11.8	13.0	0.1	0.1	-1.1
Contract Construction	29.5	29.3	29.2	33.3	0.2	0.3	-3.8
Manufacturing	95.4	95.7	95.9	94.4	-0.3	-0.5	1.0
Durable Goods	50.7	50.8	51.0	49.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.9
Nondurable Goods	44.7	44.9	44.9	44.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	65.8	65.6	66.0	67.2	0.2	-0.2	-1.4
Trade	198.1	198.6	199.5	196.5	-0.5	-1.4	1.6
Wholesale	55.2	55.2	55.5	54.7	0.0	-0.3	0.5
Retail	142.9	143.4	144.0	141.8	-0.5	-1.1	1.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	62.0	61.9	62.6	63.1	0.1	-0.6	-1.1
Services	211.7	211.3	210.9	207.8	0.4	0.8	3.9
Government	127.8	127.5	127.8	125.4	0.3	0.0	2.4
Federal	33.4	33.2	33.4	32.6	0.2	0.0	0.8
State	27.1	27.2	27.6	26.1	-0.1	-0.5	1.0
Local	67.3	67.1	66.8	66.7	0.2	0.5	0.6
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	127500	126460	131470	130940	1040	-3970	-3440
Unemployment	6140	6640	6720	5940	-500	-580	200
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.5	---	---	---
Employment	121360	119820	124750	125000	1540	-3390	-3640
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	185540	183960	189290	187720	1580	-3750	-2180
Unemployment	12540	13450	14270	13580	-910	-1730	-1040
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.5	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	173000	170510	175020	174140	2490	-2020	-1140
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	91730	91070	94580	92990	660	-2850	-1260
Unemployment	4980	4990	5540	5330	-10	-560	-350
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.5	5.9	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	86750	86080	89040	87660	670	-2290	-910
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	66180	66460	68380	67770	-280	-2200	-1590
Unemployment	4060	4390	4660	4370	-330	-600	-310
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.6	6.8	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	62120	62070	63720	63400	50	-1600	-1280
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	48530	48020	50110	48880	510	-1580	-350
Unemployment	4130	4240	4610	3930	-110	-480	200
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.8	9.2	8.0	---	---	---
Employment	44400	43780	45500	44950	620	-1100	-550

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1640.0	1633.1	1687.9	6900	-47900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	99.5	110.7	105.2	-11200	-5700
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.8	6.2	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1540.5	1522.4	1582.7	18100	-42200
Nonagricultural 5/	1496.1	1476.8	1530.4	19300	-34300
Agricultural	44.4	45.6	52.3	-1200	-7900
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1441.9	1438.7	1419.5	3200	22400
MINING	20.1	20.1	20.5	0	-400
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.9	3.9	3.5	0	400
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.4	12.5	14.1	-100	-1700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	57.3	54.6	59.8	2700	-2500
General Building Contractors	13.8	13.4	13.2	400	600
Heavy Construction Contractors	9.5	8.5	10.1	1000	-600
Special Trade Contractors	34.0	32.7	36.5	1300	-2500
MANUFACTURING	190.5	189.3	188.0	1200	2500
Durable Goods	119.6	118.7	117.6	900	2000
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.7	6.9	0	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.6	7.6	7.5	0	100
Primary & Fabricated Metals	14.2	14.1	13.7	100	500
Machinery, except Electrical	32.2	31.8	31.1	400	1100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	21.9	21.7	22.0	200	-100
Transportation Equipment	17.7	17.7	17.6	0	100
Nondurable Goods	70.9	70.6	70.4	300	500
Food & Kindred Products	26.5	26.3	26.3	200	200
Printing & Publishing	22.6	22.7	22.9	-100	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	90.4	90.3	91.1	100	-700
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	47.7	47.9	48.0	-200	-300
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	353.4	352.6	345.5	800	7900
Wholesale Trade	77.6	77.4	76.9	200	700
Retail Trade	275.8	275.2	268.6	600	7200
General Merchandise Stores	30.1	30.1	29.6	0	500
Food Stores	45.2	44.4	40.1	800	5100
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	29.2	28.8	28.9	400	300
Eating & Drinking Places	102.8	103.3	103.0	-500	-200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	93.7	93.5	95.2	200	-1500
Banking	18.3	18.1	18.8	200	-500
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	15.5	15.5	16.7	0	-1200
SERVICES	358.4	361.2	348.2	-2800	10200
Hotels & Other Lodging	28.9	30.0	27.4	-1100	1500
Personal Services	17.1	17.3	17.2	-200	-100
Business Services	89.0	88.6	82.4	400	6600
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	17.0	17.1	17.0	-100	0
Amusements & Recreation	18.9	22.3	19.1	-3400	-200
Health Services	89.7	89.5	87.1	200	2600
Hospitals	37.8	37.6	36.9	200	900
GOVERNMENT	278.1	277.1	271.2	1000	6900
Federal Government	56.0	55.3	54.8	700	1200
State Government	67.0	68.5	64.6	-1500	2400
Education	41.9	43.7	39.8	-1800	2100
Local Government	155.1	153.3	151.8	1800	3300
Education	85.5	84.9	84.7	600	800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.2	0	-200

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	845.7	836.2	878.5	9500	-32800
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	47.6	50.9	50.0	-3300	-2400
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	6.1	5.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	798.1	785.3	828.5	12800	-30400
Nonagricultural 5/	790.2	777.2	819.2	13000	-29000
Agricultural	7.9	8.1	9.3	-200	-1400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	807.0	801.1	805.5	5900	1500
MINING	11.8	11.8	12.9	0	-1100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.5	9.5	11.0	0	-1500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	29.7	28.4	33.6	1300	-3900
MANUFACTURING	95.6	95.3	94.5	300	1100
Durable Goods	50.8	50.7	49.8	100	1000
Transportation Equipment	15.7	15.8	15.6	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	44.8	44.6	44.7	200	100
Food & Kindred Products	14.7	14.6	14.8	100	-100
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.3	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.7	65.5	67.1	200	-1400
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	198.2	197.2	196.6	1000	1600
Wholesale Trade	55.3	55.2	54.8	100	500
Retail Trade	142.9	142.0	141.8	900	1100
Eating & Drinking Places	53.9	53.9	54.0	0	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	62.2	61.8	63.3	400	-1100
SERVICES	213.8	211.3	209.9	2500	3900
Hotels & Other Lodging	10.7	10.6	10.8	100	-100
Health Services	49.9	49.8	48.7	100	1200
GOVERNMENT	130.0	129.8	127.6	200	2400
Federal Government	33.3	33.1	32.5	200	800
State Government	27.4	28.3	26.4	-900	1000
Local Government	69.3	68.4	68.7	900	600
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	127.0	125.8	130.5	1200	-3500
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.9	6.7	5.7	-800	200
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.3	4.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	121.1	119.1	124.8	2000	-3700
Nonagricultural 5/	119.3	117.2	122.7	2100	-3400
Agricultural	1.8	1.9	2.1	-100	-300
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	109.3	108.4	108.0	900	1300
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.4	3.5	200	100
MANUFACTURING	28.9	28.9	29.3	0	-400
Durable Goods	23.3	23.3	24.0	0	-700
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.6	5.3	0	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.4	22.8	22.9	600	500
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0
Retail Trade	20.5	19.9	20.0	600	500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.0	4.0	100	100
SERVICES	23.4	23.5	22.9	-100	500
GOVERNMENT	23.3	23.2	22.8	100	500
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	100
State Government	10.8	11.0	10.6	-200	200
Local Government	9.9	9.6	9.7	300	200
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	May 1989 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	April 1989 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	5841	5402	439	7.5	--	5869	5325	544	9.3
Archuleta	2215	2019	196	8.8	--	2224	1973	251	11.3
Baca	2173	2089	84	3.9	--	2187	2072	115	5.3
Bent	2126	2035	91	4.3	--	2107	1999	108	5.1
Chaffee	5945	5485	460	7.7	--	6232	5653	579	9.3
Cheyenne	1009	944	65	6.4	--	991	940	51	5.1
Clear Creek	2612	2380	232	8.9	--	2546	2322	224	8.8
Co. Springs MSA	184233	171616	12617	6.8	--	182045	167951	14094	7.7
Conejos	2338	2003	335	14.3	--	2468	1993	475	19.2
Costilla	1391	1163	228	16.4	--	1338	1149	189	14.1
Crowley	1537	1438	99	6.4	--	1531	1425	106	6.9
Custer	747	711	36	4.8	--	741	695	46	6.2
Delta	7772	7011	761	9.8	--	7977	6921	1056	13.2
Den-Bldr CMSA	972769	919253	53516	5.5	--	962033	904436	57597	6.0
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	127049	121122	5927	4.7	--	125793	119098	6695	5.3
-Denver MSA	845720	798131	47589	5.6	--	836240	785338	50902	6.1
---Adams	142110	132721	9389	6.6	--	140870	130594	10276	7.3
---Arapahoe	201542	192318	9224	4.6	--	199013	189235	9778	4.9
---Denver	256278	239958	16320	6.4	--	253657	236112	17545	6.9
---Douglas	20959	19842	1117	5.3	--	20585	19524	1061	5.2
---Jefferson	224834	213293	11541	5.1	--	222118	209874	12244	5.5
Dolores	909	877	32	3.5	--	917	857	60	6.5
Eagle	11232	10281	951	8.5	--	15191	13390	1801	11.9
Elbert	3974	3755	219	5.5	--	3894	3673	221	5.7
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	92141	87439	4702	5.1	--	91036	85992	5044	5.5
Fremont	10993	10150	843	7.7	--	10935	10024	911	8.3
Garfield	14092	13219	873	6.2	--	14061	13002	1059	7.5
Gilpin	1342	1260	82	6.1	--	1326	1245	81	6.1
Grand	4509	4252	257	5.7	--	5551	5092	459	8.3
Greeley MSA	67271	62174	4097	6.1	--	66725	62129	4596	6.9
Gunnison	5502	5000	502	9.1	--	5598	5088	510	9.1
Hinsdale	347	339	8	2.3	--	344	332	12	3.5
Huerfano	2283	2036	247	10.8	--	2255	1997	258	11.4
Jackson	903	876	27	3.0	--	915	864	51	5.6
Kiowa	964	918	46	4.8	--	958	910	48	5.0
Kit Carson	3886	3802	84	2.2	--	3882	3776	106	2.7
Lake	1615	1265	350	21.7	--	1490	1243	247	16.6
La Plata	14730	13863	867	5.9	--	14453	13399	1054	7.3
Las Animas	4728	4287	441	9.3	--	4665	4225	440	9.4
Lincoln	2180	2102	78	3.6	--	2171	2086	85	3.9
Logan	9226	8777	449	4.9	--	9052	8695	357	3.9
Mesa	39578	36833	2745	6.9	--	38838	35803	3035	7.8
Mineral	194	169	25	12.9	--	204	167	37	18.1
Moffat	5056	4586	470	9.3	--	5104	4546	558	10.9
Montezuma	8424	7747	677	8.0	--	8418	7565	853	10.1
Montrose	11728	10748	980	8.4	--	11879	10624	1255	10.6
Morgan	9807	8997	810	8.3	--	9627	8917	710	7.4
Otero	8185	7502	683	8.3	--	8264	7413	851	10.3
Ouray	1425	1322	103	7.2	--	1411	1291	120	8.5
Park	2953	2734	219	7.4	--	2911	2662	249	8.6
Phillips	2080	2040	40	1.9	--	2094	2013	81	3.9
Pitkin	8372	7495	877	10.5	--	9555	8669	886	9.3
Prowers	6564	6142	422	6.4	--	6473	6053	420	6.5
Pueblo MSA	48631	44671	3960	8.1	--	48000	43738	4262	8.9
Rio Blanco	2797	2630	167	6.0	--	2771	2607	164	5.9
Rio Grande	4646	4216	430	9.3	--	4653	4169	484	10.4
Routt	7748	7002	746	9.6	--	8376	7546	830	9.9
Saguache	1524	1385	139	9.1	--	1581	1371	210	13.3
San Juan	535	508	27	5.0	--	548	500	48	8.8
San Miguel	2330	2014	316	13.6	--	2741	2402	339	12.4
Sedgwick	1396	1335	61	4.4	--	1407	1322	85	6.0
Summit	8274	7711	563	6.8	--	10389	8832	1557	15.0
Teller	5011	4612	399	8.0	--	4976	4515	461	9.3
Washington	2574	2399	175	6.8	--	2511	2377	134	5.3
Yuma	4615	4484	131	2.8	--	4675	4421	254	5.4
COLORADO	1639984	1540503	99481	6.1	--	1633113	1522393	110720	6.8

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
May 1988 Revised

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5904	5473	431	7.3
Archuleta	2213	1986	227	10.3
Baca	2370	2284	86	3.6
Bent	2303	2152	151	6.6
Chaffee	6406	5756	650	10.1
Cheyenne	1048	1019	29	2.8
Clear Creek	2567	2305	262	10.2
Co. Springs MSA	186350	172695	13655	7.3
Conejos	2410	2114	296	12.3
Costilla	1308	1159	149	11.4
Crowley	1614	1532	82	5.1
Custer	821	743	78	9.5
Delta	8259	7311	948	11.5
Den-Bldr CMSA	1009050	953321	55729	5.5
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	130545	124801	5744	4.4
-Denver MSA	878505	828520	49985	5.7
---Adams	148077	137775	10302	7.0
---Arapahoe	209512	199640	9872	4.7
---Denver	266258	249095	17163	6.4
---Douglas	21467	20597	870	4.1
---Jefferson	233194	221414	11780	5.1
Dolores	964	909	55	5.7
Eagle	11078	10214	864	7.8
Elbert	4183	3885	298	7.1
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93398	88361	5037	5.4
Fremont	11339	10325	1014	8.9
Garfield	14498	13525	973	6.7
Gilpin	1148	1066	82	7.1
Grand	4516	4195	321	7.1
Greeley MSA	68865	64465	4400	6.4
Gunnison	5425	4947	478	8.8
Hinsdale	359	357	2	0.6
Huerfano	2417	2106	311	12.9
Jackson	1033	939	94	9.1
Kiowa	1027	1005	22	2.1
Kit Carson	4207	4115	92	2.2
Lake	1625	1192	433	26.6
La Plata	14897	13904	993	6.7
Las Animas	4772	4390	382	8.0
Lincoln	2241	2208	33	1.5
Logan	9511	9133	378	4.0
Mesa	39501	36493	3008	7.6
Mineral	181	163	18	9.9
Moffat	5152	4617	535	10.4
Montezuma	8700	7885	815	9.4
Montrose	12247	11086	1161	9.5
Morgan	9971	9299	672	6.7
Otero	8465	7740	725	8.6
Ouray	1471	1367	104	7.1
Park	2777	2573	204	7.3
Phillips	2261	2206	55	2.4
Pitkin	8308	7497	811	9.8
Prowers	7016	6403	613	8.7
Pueblo MSA	48973	45199	3774	7.7
Rio Blanco	2747	2583	164	6.0
Rio Grande	4898	4318	580	11.8
Routt	8027	7026	1001	12.5
Saguache	1664	1500	164	9.9
San Juan	551	514	37	6.7
San Miguel	2530	2221	309	12.2
Sedgwick	1477	1430	47	3.2
Summit	7949	7293	656	8.3
Teller	5167	4697	470	9.1
Washington	2762	2619	143	5.2
Yuma	4985	4856	129	2.6
COLORADO	1687903	1582676	105227	6.2

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$476.02	$474.51	$472.15	37.9	37.6	38.2	$12.56	$12.62	$12.36
MANUFACTURING	$427.47	$418.04	$416.57	40.1	39.7	40.8	$10.66	$10.53	$10.21
Durable Goods	$425.80	$428.69	$431.34	41.3	41.3	42.0	$10.31	$10.38	$10.27
Nondurable Goods	$428.96	$402.80	$397.10	38.3	37.4	39.2	$11.20	$10.77	$10.13

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988	MAY 2/ 1989	APR 3/ 1989	MAY 1988
CONSTRUCTION	$481.74	$487.14	$511.68	37.2	37.3	39.0	$12.95	$13.06	$13.12
MANUFACTURING	$448.44	$437.00	$436.13	40.4	39.8	41.3	$11.10	$10.98	$10.56
Durable Goods	$449.15	$448.74	$485.39	40.5	40.5	43.3	$11.09	$11.08	$11.21
Nondurable Goods	$448.14	$423.93	$390.26	40.3	39.0	39.5	$11.12	$10.87	$9.88

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1989	APR 1989	MAY 1988	MAY 1989	APR 1989	MAY 1988
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,313	11,597	11,530	5,826	5,384	6,014
Continued Claims	108,759	102,922	117,199	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	85,943	82,980	95,319	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,533,269	$13,070,919	$14,795,252	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$201,029,844	$142,811,458	$124,382,103	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	18,949	14,917	16,417	8,207	7,198	7,645
Nonagricultural Placements	6,544	4,828	4,920	2,179	1,676	1,679
Agricultural Placements	446	487	410	212	281	173

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

April 1989 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	122,576	1633.1	1706.2	485.2	398.5	683.8	767.1	222.7
Unemployment	6,229	110.7	92.5	25.8	24.1	48.1	38.9	13.2
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.1	6.8	5.4	5.3	6.1	7.0	5.1	5.9
Employment	116,347	1522.4	1613.7	459.4	374.4	635.7	728.2	209.5

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1988 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.